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PATENT

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)--
ENTRY INTO THE U.S. NATIONAL STAGE UNDER CHAPTER I**

PCT/AU04/000463	08 April 2004 (8.04.04)	08 April 2003 (8.04.03)
International Application No.	International Filing Date	Priority Date Claimed

Welded Connections

Title of Invention

Teh, Lip

Applicant(s)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
ATTENTION: DO/US

1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Office (DO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).

The U.S. National Fee (U.S.C. § 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492), as indicated below:

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2. Fees

NATIONAL STAGE FEES ***	Basic filing fee* *			\$300.00
	Examination fee			\$200.00
	Search fee			\$1000.00
CLAIMS FEE*	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE
	TOTAL CLAIMS	20 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00 =
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00 =
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+\$360.00 0.00
ADDITIONAL PAGES	Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof"			
	Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (rounded up to a whole number)	250.00
SMALL ENTITY	Total of above Calculations			= 1,500.00
	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Assertion must be made (note 37 CFR 1.27).			- 0.00
	Subtotal			1,500.00
	Total National Fee			\$1,500.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (See Item below). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".				40.00
TOTAL	Total Fees enclosed			\$1,540.00

Attached is a check in the amount of \$1,540.00.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith.
4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is not required as the application was filed in English.
5. An oath or declaration, including power of attorney, of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115 is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration

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Other document(s) or information included:

6. An international Search Report or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is transmitted herewith.
7. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 is transmitted herewith.
8. An assignment document is transmitted herewith for recording. A separate FORM PTO-1595 is also attached.

Please mail the recorded assignment document to the person whose signature and address appears below.

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